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SALEM COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION RECEIVES HUMANITIES FESTIVAL GRANT

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Beth Timberman, liaison to the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission, today announced that the Commission has been awarded a grant of \$500 from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities to support "Reflections on Justice," a two-part lecture to take place in the newly restored 1735 Courthouse series in October, National Humanities Month.

"We are very proud of the Old Courthouse restoration," said Freeholder Timberman. "The restored courtroom provides an especially appropriate setting for this lecture series."

The Courthouse was built in 1735 and enlarged twice in 1817 and 1908, making it the oldest continuously operating courthouse in New Jersey, and second oldest in the nation. The first phase of the restoration, supported by a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, was completed in April. Since then court sessions and Freeholder Board meetings have resumed at this historic location.

Noted Preservation Architect Margaret Westfield will lead off the series on October 6, 2010, 6 pm, with an illustrated lecture exploring the architectural vocabulary of Salem County's recently restored courthouse in context with other regional examples. Timothy Hack, Salem Community College, concludes the series on October 20, 6 pm, with a presentation focusing on the impact of race, class and gender on jurisprudence in West Jersey in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

"The lectures will be open to the public and there is no admission charge, thanks to funding from the Council for the Humanities" said Timberman.

The Council was established in 1972 as a state council of the National Endowment for the Humanities. A non-profit organization, the Council serves the people of New Jersey by developing, supporting and promoting projects that explore and interpret the human



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experience, foster cross-cultural understanding, and engage people in dialogue about matters of individual choice and public responsibility.

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